

**Futures Sub-Committee
Community Recovery Residences
April 5, 2006**

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DMH Update

Judy has joined DMH in a senior policy position and represents DMH at this meeting today. Judy shared her experiences as an AHS employee, VT Council Director, and various other connections to VSH, and community mental health as well as a having a family member with mental illness. Her phone number at VSH 652-2023 and email is jrosen@vdh.state.vt.state.us

John Howland is leaving VDH at the end of the week. It is not yet clear who will continue with the weekly update.

Beth is at the Legislature this a.m. to testify re: the VSH Futures efforts, specific to the CON process questions.

Judy has been researching the CON process nationally. The Memphis Mental Health Institute is being replaced in Tenn. under a CON process and Judy is looking at how that went as it also involved closing an old hospital and starting a new one in relationship with a university teaching hospital.

This Friday 1 p.m. at AHS Sec Conference Room is the first meeting of the VSH Employee Futures Workgroup.

Sec of AHS and Beth are now setting up a weekly time at the Statehouse when they would be available to talk with Legislators in a drop in mode. Last week about 20 showed up.

On April 11 7-9 p.m. at FAHC in the McClure L Conference Room. AHS, Bob P, Todd C and others will make a presentation to Ward 1 residents on the proposed Inpatient Unit planning efforts.

DA update

Nick Emlen reported on the statewide meeting of the LPSC's sponsored by the VT Council with more than 50 persons in attendance. This was an update of the Council meeting last year to inform LPSC's on the Future Planning process. Paul offered that his LPSC was very positive about the meeting and the information received. Nick Emlen has a document on the comments from this meeting if there is an interest in getting it.

Michael shared the update on the Williamstown CRR. At this point the program has been fairly positively received by the town. About 80 persons showed up for the meeting and asked primarily questions about safety and taxes. All in all, the post meeting atmosphere has been positive and the Consortium will be meeting with neighbors and with the local economic development council.

Nick brought up the SOC efforts. Scott expressed concern that there should be some clear guidelines about how DA, DH, and VSH share information. He is concerned that

some information now gets shared in a wider fashion than necessary—i.e. more than those who need to know have access or are given access to confidential information. If the SOC moves to a more statewide function protection of PHI –protected health information—must be addressed. This is very specific question on how agencies and hospitals internally share information.

List for content for CRR's

Judy wanted to create a list of characteristics of CRR facilities to help keep a clear picture, especially for the Futures Committee. A brief list was started as below, but additional ideas would be welcome at the next CRR meeting on April 26.

- Health needs
- transportation
- staffing
- local resources
- facilities
- programmatic supports
- legal status
- Location--no more than one rural location

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 26, 2006 FROM 9-11 AT THE MOODY COURT OFFICES OF WCMHS.